

RICHMOND IS NOW CONVENTION CITY

Rapidly Forging to Front as Meeting Place of Associations.

THREE SCHEDULED
FOR THIS WEEK

Patriotic Order Sons of America
and State and National Associations of Fire Insurance
Agents Are Guests at
the Jefferson
Hotel.

national orders and organizations. Richmond is making a record almost unprecedented, and is rapidly forging to the front as the convention city of the South. Four prominent conventions were held here last week, as three are scheduled to take place here between now and next Saturday night. Here is the list for the present week:

Fire Insurance Agents of America, Monday and Tuesday.

Patriotic Order, Sons of America, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fire Insurance Agents of America, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

In addition to these three, three more

gatherings, bringing men from all sections of the country, there will be a training school for Sunday-school workers at Grace Street Baptist Church during the week, under the auspices of the Baptist Sunday-School Association of Richmond and Manchester. The great Episcopal gathering is also here, though the

Many Are Coming.

All the conventions this week will have their headquarters at the Jefferson Hotel, though the Patriotic Order of America will hold its meetings at Belvidere Hall, for the reason that

hotel auditorium had been previously engaged by the insurance people. In all, they will probably bring the city nearly 2,000 people, and so lively times are expected, as preparations have been made for royally entertaining the visitors.

Important business awaits the conventions, and when not in session delegates will be taken over the city and lunched and dined by their brethren.

The Gratiot Order, Sons of America is a large association, and has members in nearly, if not all, the States of the Union. It is expected that it will bring from 700 to 1,000 delegates and visitors, and the convention will last two days. The order is essentially a fraternal organization, and is a commendable outgrowth of the Blue Lodge.

The insurance agents will be held in full force practically all the week. The State association of local agents

will meet Monday night and Tuesday morning at the New York Hotel and will transact much important business. President W. T. Paxton, Rockbridge, will preside, and reports will be made by representatives from Virginia to the recent conference between the companies and agents in New York, and steps will be taken looking to additional financing the central body. Officers will be elected and the local association will reconstitute itself into a committee of five with the purpose of entertaining national delegates.

The first session of the national

vention will be held on Wednesday morning, and will be presided over by President Charles F. Wilson, of Iowa. Col. Mayor McCarthy will deliver the address of welcome on the half of the city, and Mr. Coleman Wortham will speak for the local writers' Exchange, of which he is president. The program includes many reports and discussions on various questions. Officers for the ensuing year will be chosen and a place for the next year fixed. There is chairman of

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MR. WILSON: The arrangements committee. The visit will be taken to Lakeside, and see all the sights of the city here.

The Program.

The program of the National Convention of Insurance Agents is as follows:

Wednesday Morning, 10:30 o'Clock
President Charles F. Wilson, D. C. presiding.

Welcome—Carlton McCarthy, Mayor of Chicago.

Richmond: Coleman F. Wornath, Jr.
Underwriters' Exchange
Response—James P. Thomson, Min-
nells
Reports—President, Charles F. W.
Denver; Executive committee, Clarence
Pellett, chairman, Chicago; Joint com-
mittee, H. W. Odworth, chair-
man, Chicago
Public Attitude conference com-
mittee, P. F. Offenhauser, chairman, Texar-
son, chairman, Louisville
Address—"Public Attitude Toward
Insurance," Governor Claude A. Sw

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of the following motion:
"Resolved, that all resolutions intro
may be debated and then referred to
committee on resolutions for consid
and report."
Note—Resolutions must be present
writing, and where possible duplicat
les provided for the press.
Wednesday Afternoon, 2 o'Clock

Vice-President F. W. Offenhausper,
 Arkana, presiding.
 Reports—Committee on Legislation,
 D. Markham, Chairman, St. Louis;
 Finance Committee, W. B. Flickinger,
 Miami, Erie, Pa.; Treasurer, W. H. A.
 ville, Olean, N. Y.; Secretary, H. M.
 Putnam, Boston.
 Address—Attitude of State Toward
 Insurance, J. V. Barry, Insurance
 Commissioner, Lansing, Mich.
 New business.
 Thursday Morning, 10:30 o'clock
 Vice-President, E. W. Beardsley,
 Ford, presiding.
 Address—Relations of Company
 Agency Associations, Frank Lock, Mil-
 Atlas Assurance Company.
 Address—The Field Man's View